NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

Militia Eager to Fight to Free Cuba.

Little Girl Narrowly Escapes Drowning-Frank Leonard Held for Horse Stealing.

Alexandria, Va., April 24.-Sergt, Major W. E. D. Kraus of the Third Virginia Regiment Drum Corps this evening received an order from Col. Granville Gaines. Commanding the Third Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, to advise him at once the number of men in the corps who were willing to serve under the President's call for volunteers. The instructions in the order are to state the number or men who are willing to serve "in the United States" and the number willing to serve "anywhere." Major Kraus issued an order this evening directing his corps to assemble tomorrow evening to consider the communication. Major Kraus stated to The Times reporter tonight that he was ready and willing to serve his erry anywhere, and that 70 per cent of his twenty-four men had expressed their willingness to go to the front. He believes that every member of his corps. will volunteer their services unconditionally at the meeting to be held tomorrow

The Alexandria Light Infantry, Company F. Third Virginia Volunteers, will also meet tomorrow night and further consider the question of going to the front. Many names have been udded to the rolls since the call for volunteers was received, and a prominent member of the command stated tonight that he believed the company would respond a hundred strong. The members who voted to go to the front have adopted a silk badge of the national colors, on which is inscribed: "Company P, Third Virginia Volunteers—Anywhere." This idea has had its effect on many of the command who voted "for service in the United States," under the Impression that their company would be officered by other than their present officers. It is stated, but not officially, that the company will be ordered to Richmond on Wednesday, nort. Virginia Volunteers - Anywhere, Wednesday next. The eight-year-old daughter of Capt

George Davis, of the turbout Templar came near losing her life by drowning this evening. The little girl, with two companions, was playing on the wharf a the foot of Prince Street, when she acc dentally fell into the river. The unfortu defining ten into the fiver. The unorth-mate child's playmates were too badly frightened to give an slarm, but ran from the wharf. Fortunately Mr. Shirley King had seen the three children pass out on the pier, and when he noticed the two children running from the wharf he con-Mr. King, by a heroic effort, succeeded in esaching the child as she was about to disappear under the water. The little girl was removed to the home of her parents

Chief of Police Webster returned to thi thy tonight with Frank Leonard, who was arrested at Aberdeen, Howard Cour-ty, Md., yesterday, charged with stealing a horse and buggy from Mr. James Pata horse and buggy from Mr. James Pat-terson, of this city. Leonard agreed to return to Alexandria with Chief Webster without a requisition. The Maryland au-thorities say that the prisoner offered to sell the team for Eh. Leonard is a Frenchman, but claims to have lived in Washington for many years. The police which that he answers to the description of a man wanted for murder by the Chi-cago authorities. Leonard does not deny having authorities to disnose of the team. of a man wanted for murder by the Cui cago authorities. Leonard does not den-having astemated to dispose of the team which he hired in this city, but says ha must have been drunk at the time. He "also acknowledges that he has seen much ed the country. He will be given a pre-liminary hearing in the police court to morrow, and will be committed to jail t on of the grand jury of

CABINET WILL NOT RESIGN. The Oneen Regent Favors Its Re-

tention in Office. Madrid, April 21.-In view of the una-

rimits among the political leaders in favor of the maintenance of the present ment the open regent has acsured Prime Minister Sagasta that the

In the senate today Gen. Correo, minthe army in Cuba will perish rather than

STILL AT CAPE VERDE.

The Spanish Warships Careful Not to Sail.

St. Vincent, Cape de Verde, April II. All the Spanish warships are still here and there are no signs of thir immediate

The United States Government has in code or cipher words will be for perved matice on the Portuguese govern-ment, to which the Cape Varde Islands belong, to either send the Spanish war-ships away from St. Vincent forthwith or keep them there during the war, as required by international law.

Mrs. McKinley at the Play.

New York, April 21.-Mrs. McKinley went to the theater tonight for the sered an ovation unbounded in enthushorn. She had accepted an invitation Kinley, to see the New England play Way Down East," at the Manhattan. The party was late in getting there. The

Entirely Frank. (Form the Chicago Post.)

that of ever, which is supprised to work at all," replied intention, with placeting transferors, "but you see at a glarest hose attractive it will look in require or a magniture."

in Search of Pence.

Of your the Atlanta Journal. of hor that Brown has existed and gone of to the war. I should think that a man who ha to and chickers children would stay with

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will hear the impress of fine workman ship after we have hundered then Our belp is experienced and paramataing me use hest noup, and pure water we give you like anti-swear furtion, holes we deliver possipity. "Phone 1550—see it ca

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HER FATE STILL IN DOUET.

The Paris, Steaming Westward Passes the Lizard.

London, April 21.-The American Linteamer Paris passed the Lizard, steam ing rapidly westward, shortly before midnight last night. This fact is definitely known. The best opinion here is that sh is now pursuing a nomewhat unusua course towards New York at the highest speed her engines can develop, but it Loudon today each hour has brought out fresh editions of the newspapers, will new stories of her being pursued or captured by a Spanish warship which was lying in wait for her course south of

Two out of four circumstantial reports of her capture have been completely dis-"O' course," said the stouter boy, "it bein's Twiggsy's first story for de public, the ain't gain' to charge nothin' for it. He'd like to git it published just fer de uith of the other two. She was not uith of the other two. She was not used in the English channel, she did not proved. Only her arrival at Cadiz as a prize of war or at New York, ready to the American Navy, can determine the truth of the other two. She was not chased in the English channel, she did not run back to the Isle of Wight and she has not been officially reported or sighted at any point except The Lizard.

It is doubtful if a Spanish man-of-war dd have dared to molest the Paris in the English Channel. Its waters have been regarded by international consent in years as entirely within British and French jurisdiction, and they are therefore neutral, the high seas being technically three miles beyond Lizard Point. Nevertheless, Capt. Watkins, the master of the Paris, was instructed to hug the coast as much as possible in order to escape the observation of the Spanish boats which were known to be cruising in the western waters of the

His signaling the Lizard at midnight was unexpected, but the night was dark and moonless, and it is believed that he trusted to this fact and the alteration of

As soon as he reached the unprivileged waters beyond the Lizard there is no doubt he also resorted to extinguishing all the lights usually carried. Daylight should have found the steamer well beyond danger of observation or pursuit y any available Spanish warship. Capt. Vathins was also warned to keep a sharp

okout for the enemy off Cape Race. Nothing, of course, is disclosed con-erning the plans for avoiding possible incention off Nantucket light and from Brooklyn navy yard a week hence. Some uncertainty exists as to the re-ported capture of the fine American ship Shenandoah by a Spanish dispatch boat near the entrance of the Irish Sea. The

ndoah has not been reported reutily, but is now due at Liverpool. The Exchange Telegraph Company, a cul news agency, with a tolerable reputhority for the Shenandouh story, he company gives no details, and the rigin of the story is not disclored. A vague confirmation comes from Antwerp,

at this is also of dublous credulity. New York, April 22.—Clement A. Gris-om, ir. of the American Line, said to-day that he had received nothing conmatery of the rumor from London that a steamship Paris had been captured, a said he did not think it probable that Paris would be intercepted.

Ble is not insured against capture, as reported in disputches from London to-lay. She carries only the usual peace-time insurance. It is supposed that Lon-don advices about insurance taken out nst risk of capture at a premium of 1 5 to 10 guineas, refer to her cargo. The Paris carries 135 passengers. There re sixteen in the first cable and the rest

HAVANA TO BE ISOLATED.

The American Government Establishes a Cable Censorship at Key West.

New York, April 21.-Cable co. tion with Havana by way of Key West was subject to a good many delays today and was entirely suspended tonight. when a report came that the cable had on cut. This was not verified.

2:49, us follows: "A censurship has been established by the United States Government at Ke West, Fig., and code messages to and

from Cube are formider About a o'clock tonight word was recited that the cable was out of order later of war, said: "I am convinced that | This report was not made to the office in the Western Union building, but only to the service was thought there to be only temporary, and it was said that the while would probably be in operation to morrow, subject to the censorship at both

here to be mayal officers, and their occupation of the Key West office is though to amount practically to a seizure of the warded, and any against which there ! the sightest suspicion of a hidden of

The understanding here is that the steamer Mangrove will cut the cable leading from the south coast of Cuba to San Diego, whence there is communication with St. Thomas. It is thought possible, however, that after this is done the Kes West cable may be cut also tenying Cuba absolutely without mean of communication:

THE ST. LOUIS ARRIVES.

Her Sister Ship, the New York, Expeeted Teday.

New York, April 21-The American finer St. Louis reached part tonight after a bunultuous covage from Southampton. The passerge, to cay small, because when she left Southampto there was an impression in the minds of many happings at that was between the United States and Spain inight begin while the St. Louis was no loss may have, and that she and her pasregers might fall into the hands of the Spanish refuge passengers. They were much surprised hen the pilot boarded the St. Louis and told them that was existed between the United Stateand Spain. The pilot had a newspaper of Thurday. The ration is sengers crowded around the paper, which a passenger with a good rote, finally

When the gang plank was put up there was oh for the poer by the claim passenger

The St. Louis will be used as a dispatch heat e Paris, is due here some time touserow more g. She left Southampton three hours late on the St. Louis and not being as good a roug for slep she will probably be built a da

The New York will also be converted into dispatch and scout boat, and will probably made to leave her dock before Wesherday.

A POLITIC MOVE.

Dan Carlos Will Present Ships to

Spain.
Brussels, April 21.—It is reported that Om Carins, the Spanish pretenter, is ne-rotiating for the purchase of three dis-atch boats belonging to the Belgian

If he is successful in obtaining the outs he intends to convert them into constitut ships at his own cost and pre-ent them to Spain.

TWGGST

(From the Cleveland, Plain Dealer.) be room and lingered at a respectful dis tance from the editor's desk. They were not comely lads. Their clothes werough their shoes dilanidated their hall

nkempt and their hands grimy. Well, boys, said the editor. The call-stacked a little closer. The stouter d looked at his companion. The later thrust out his tongue and the editor wen fancied that he blushed. "Twiggsy, here," said the stouter boy, has writ a story an he wants you to

Wid a view to publication," said the other boy, hoarsely.

And he handed the editor a roll of ex-

remely soiled paper. The editor took i singerly. surse" said the stouter boy, "i But he thought he'd like to see somepin

the rink an' so him an' me's come over.

The editor looked at Twiggsy. He was a pale, slender boy, with narrow shoulders and an unpleasant cough. He coughed harshly when the editor turned back to his desk Twiggsy," said the gouter boy, "ain't o strong as he wur. He's got a cold ost of de time. I s'pose dat's why he oak to write."

ook to writin'."
The editor had the manuscript poised

n his hand. He taid it on the desk.
"I will look it over," he said, "and if t can be used you will see if in the pa-The boys grinned and turned away.

The boy's grained and turned away. Then Twiggsy came back.
"You'll notice," he said, in a thin, quavering voice, "that Joe an me is the heroes of the story. I've used the names the boys call us, but if it ain't right I can change 'em."

He was assured that it would be all right, and the editor heard him conchine.

right, and the editor heard him coughing painfully as he wen; slowly down Here is the story, with a little tracing p of grammar and punctuation, and a

general return to the popular forms of It was called "How Yumps and Twiggsy Saved the Town," but the editor has taken the liberty to shorten this to

"Twiggsy" alone. The story had been lying on the desk erhaps ten days before the editor found time to go over it. Just as he unrolled the manuscript the stouter boy walked into the room,
"Say," he said, abruptly.

won't bother wid no more stories."
"Dead?" queried the editor.
"Yes. Took a fit o' coughin' an' busted

mefin inside. Buried yesterday, Goin' use de story?" "Yes," said the editor, although he hadn't looked at it. And here it is

The war with Spain was on, and so far there had been no real fighting. A big departure was timed so as to blow kept the fleet apart, and Uncie Sam's ships were alraid of the mines in Havana harbor. There wasn't enough started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will work to send over into Cuba, and control of the mines in So. taking turns at that dury, we started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will work to be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will work to be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will work to be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from Summit at 10 o'clock sharp everything stool will be started from S ing lots of damage to Uncie Sam's shipng. They had any number of fast boats purpo

Teveland papers said that it was rumored hat a Spanish agent was trying to buy a ast lake tug over in one of the Canadian

Yumps laughed when Twiggsy read it bench in Lake View park, when Yumps

said What's that?

"Twiggsy looked where Yumps was pointing and saw a big inke tug steaming in toward the river. It was a couple of miles out, but coming steady.

"What's what? said Twiggsy.

"That flag?

"Twiggsy looked again. There was a veillow that flagiting out from the turns.

ellow flag floating out from the ting's

That's the Spanish flag, said Twigg-Two hours later half Cleveland knew that the city was at the mercy of the big gun on board the tug with the yellow flag. A Spanish officer had some ashere and aid to Mayor McKisson. 'If you don't pay 5,000,000 pesetas we'll blow your old

McKisson wanted lots of time 'You'll get until just 10 o'clock to-

norrow,' said the officer. 'If the stuff sn't ours at that time we will promptly

"Mayor McKisson called in a lot of citi-cus, but nobody knew what to do. The iresham, the Naval Reserves, the Grays, be Troop and the Fifth Regiment had il been called to the frant. What sort of sistance could the mayor put up Spaniard, anchored out at a safe distance old hammer away as he pleased. That afternoon Twiggsy said to

"'Let's save de town."
"'But how?' says Yumps.
"'Til tell you us we goes along to de axor's office. "It was a dark night, but not so dark out that two boys might have been neering a boat at the Yacht Club ho One was Yumps the other Twingsy. They had a big coil of fine wire rope with them, strong enough to pull down a They rowed away in the dark when they got neater they could see I ards from the tug. Then they stoppe nd still, and he swam away at a fively carrying the end of the wire rope

"I fixed it," he panted. I twisted the ope all around the rudder so it can nove an inch. An now let's get back. They rowed back in the darkness, pay d of the wire to a post.

"It was nearly 10 o'clock next mornin; and a group of met stood on the shore watching the Spaniard. One of the gazs had a powerful glass,

held of that wire rope. When I give the word walk away. The Spaniards are get-The men with the rope gave a mighty

The mon with the rope gave a mighty pull, the rug, to which the rope was find-oned, was yanked violently around and the shell intended for the town flew from the big gun over towards Rocky River.

"Ha, ha, laughed the man with the glass, they are running wild with excitement. They don't know what to make of it. There, they are getting the gun around again. Slendy. Now pull "Again the tug was yanked violently around and the shell flew harmlessly over the waterworks crib.

"Strady again," cried the man with the glass. "Now pull her in as fast in you are able."

They sprang to their task with a will. Hand over hand they dragged the tu-dern foremost to the share. The Span ards were met by 1,000 citizens armed with all sorts of weapons; and they made no resistance. The top was boarded and the vellow flag hauled down and out to

Then Yamp and Twiggsy were the he-"For they had saved the town."

Considerable excitement was o'clock last night, upon the discovery flames in a vault under the sidewalk front of the Palais Royal. The aist was turned in by Watchman Owen Me ray, from an automatic box leade the building. The fire was confined to a rat-lich heap. Policeman Johnson reports that there was no damage.

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(From the London Evening News.) Wishing to take the night train at a small station out West, and there being nothing to engage my attention about the village, I went early to the station. and was ushered into the waiting-room by the watchman, a stout, good-natured looking man, in the prime of life, who wore pinned across his breast an empty

I passed the time chatting with the watchman, and he told me the story of the adventure in which he lost his arm. I repeat his narrative as nearly as possible in his own words;

Before I was intrusted with the night duties of this station I was one of three section men who had in charge a seof track upon our line some 300 miles west of here, in the roughest and most lawless part of the territory. Our section began at Summit stallor

and ran east seven miles; thence to Brewster's, the next station east of Sum-mi, and 15 mile of stant from it was another section eight miles long. In rain, or shine, know or sleet, the section must be patroued by one man-wh employs in good weather a light hand car for the purpose-ahead of our over-land Pullman train. The train passes over our section at midnight, and our departure was timed so as to inspect the

verything stood still until Uncle Sam build make soldiers out of the raw mate-al. The Spaniards, however, were do-g lots of damage to Uncle Sam train. Here we met one of the men from the section east of us, who had started about the same ame, and for the same The men from each section, having pa

coursed all along the Atlantic coast out boats as they pleased.
"One day, it was the --th of June, the a few necessary supplies, and allow their to enter. Here they stay until the trail Like tug over in one of the Canadian comes in sight; then go outside and dis-Just a little stem, about an inch play their two white lights, that the enone night my turn came to see the section. Before starting it occurred to me that our supply of lantern oil at the half-way house was low.

"Yumps laughed when Twiggsy tract to him. It looked like a big rell.
"Next day was warm and pleasant and Yumps and Twiggsy were sitting on a bench in Lake View park, when Yumps toned the latter snugly about me, an

started.

It was a stormy Summer night, as black as ink. At a bridge crossing Smake River I dismounted from the car, and, pushing it ahead of me as I passed, I gave the structure a careful examination, found everything all right, and was about to mount my car again when I received a violent blow upon my head, which stretched me senseless upon the Recovering consciousness after a few

Mecovering consciousness after a low moments, I found myself hound, gagged, and lying but a few feet from a gaug of masked men, whom I saw, as well as the darkness would permit, at work with bars removing one of the rails, just at the entrance of the bridge.

"I tell yer, Sam," one hig fellow ex-laimed, "the best way is to the him cross the rails, and let the train finish

Hold on! I won't listen to such a plan." said one who seemed to exercise some in-fluence over them. "We shall have enough to answer for before this job is finished without killing him. How this bolt sticks!" he added, spitefully. "The man who drave these solkes must have meant 'em to stay. He is safe enough meant em to stay. He is safe enough, and if we mean business we must be lively. The train will be here in twenty minutes, and we have no time to lose, and at the rall they all sprang with a will. Straining at the cords which bound my wrists. I funcied that they gave way a little. I remembered the trick of the

onjurers who free themselves from their nds by alternatingly contracting their nacles, and I lay in allence, working in perfect frenzy of excitement until I was knife was out of my pocket, and my feet

Without waiting to free myself from of my speed, started down the track in the direction of the approaching train. With a yell that told me I was discovered. had some little start of them, and bouned along the ties, bent upon stopping the

As the gag, which I had not removed nindered my breating, I was forced to stop for a moment to cut it away. While so engaged, there came a volley, and I was struck in the left arm, midway I

faintness, staggered to my feet, and ran n. I soon noticed that the pursuit had eased. Either the train robbers thought was done for, or they had returned to their unfinished work, trusting I should be unable to stop the train.
Light I had none-my lantern was with

While I was thus still running on a fast as my condition would permit, in-structively I fell in my pocket for matches. Ah, the oil! Why had I not an get no grip on that from Smear if

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thick. Cover it well, rub it on with your point, so-both rails; don't neglect an inch of it, either. For life, Tom, for life! Think of the men, women and little chil-

fron upon that train! I worked with the desperation of a maniac. Upon my knees, the bottle un-der my disabled arm, pouring the oil. an inclination of my body, into my

I worked backward from the approaching train, and now rose to my feet at the end of my labor and at the terminus of the greated rails.

Already the rails were vibrating as the heavy train aparenched. How awful is the sight of a big locomotive, coming "Appu straight toward one upon a dark night!" stood upon the track, waving my ands, so that the neadlight would thine upon me, and I could be seen by Now for it." I thought.

She strikes the oil—th- big. Toot driv-ng wheel spin round as though the en-tine had been lifted in the nir. In my excitement I screamed as loudly as possible in vain protest to the engiwho was pulling the little lever which sands the rails.

Shouting was of no avail, they could not hear mc. Had there been sufficient uperade there the oil would have stop-ped them quite. As it was the impetus f the cars composing the train was able push the engine over the oily rails. But one resource was left, and I thought of it just in time. I stepped as close to the rails as I dared, and with all my strength hurled the empty bottle at the headlight. It struck the glass, shattering it to splinters, and the light

instanly went out.

Then came the welcome signal from whistle for brakes and I sank down

When I recovered, a moment sufficed to tell the story I was carried to the company's hospi-tal, where skillful surgeons did the best they could for me; but it was found necessary to remove my arm, as you see. And the company thought it best to avoid my meeting with possible harm from the gang I had foiled, to transfer to this point. A pleasant journey to you, sir, and no mishap. Good night.

A NIGHT OPERATOR'S STORY.

Exciting Time With a Thief at a Lonely Railroad Station. (From the New York Sun.)

The life of telegraph operators in the city is very unlike that of their brothers in the country, and the duties of the "commercial" operator differ greatly from those of the railroad man. The latter's work may not be as arduous as the other fellow's but it is frequently at tended with much greater responsibility And one does not need to go to Mexico or Montana in order to satisfy himself that the railroad operator also has his hare of close shaves and hair-raising experiences. A Sun reporter met recently a veteran "key twister" who used to be employed nights on the eastern division of the Boston and Maine Ruilroad in New Hampshire. He tells a startling story of his experience with a burglar while having orders from headquarters to stop a through freight. The predicament in which he placed himself by falling asleep at his post should be a warn ing to all night operators who have a hand in the movement of trains.

"Just throw two or three shovelfuls of coal on the fire every hour or so and make yourself comfortable. There won't be much doing tonight, and after No. 2 goes-why, scoot home."

"Those were the last words Ed stid to me as he buttoned his collar high around his neck and hurried out of the

"Ed was the regniar night telegraph operator at the little town of Hampton, situated on a single track railroad in New Hampshire. He was not more than twenty-five years old, and the monotony of his work caused him to seek frequent recreation away from the office. If a dance was to come off in the town hall or within ten miles of it Ed would be there, provided he could find someone to take his place for that night at the office. "I was only sixteen at the time. A few "Ed was the regular night telegraph Take his place for the highest and the time. A few years before my brother and two other young men, all older than myself, had built a private telegraph line between their homes in order, as they said, to

learn how to 'sling lightning' well enough to work in a busy office. Each became a very good operator and in time found employment at his trade.

"Although an eager disciple of the art, I was almost too young to have a thorough knowledge of telegraphing when my brother left home; but I knew enough about it to want to know more, and the day and night operators at Hampton were annoyed by my visits till they decided that I was an entirely hopeless case and could even be trusted accasionally to sub' for them.

"and that is what I had agreed to do for Ed on the night mentioned—a cold and blustering night in February. "The task was not altogether an agree-No passenger trains able one. No passenger trains stopped at Hampton after 6.25 o'clock in the eve-ning. After 9 no one ever called at the station to inquire for freight, and by half past 10 all sounds of footsteps on the platform ceased, only a dim light here and there could be seen, and everything about the place appeared to be dead. "A thick snowstorm, which set in dur-ing the evening, did not detract at all from the lonesomeness of my quarters. But every place is lonesome at night."

from the lonesomeness of my quarters.
But every place is lonesome at night, I
mused, and one cannot always have
company to cheer him.
"This thought, coupled with the reflecon that in the morning I was to receive

\$1.50 for my services, quieted my fear-for the time being "A red, a white and a blue inhere were always kept barning in the office atnight in case they should be needed quickly. I examined each of these lanterns to see if it was properly filled and secured, look-od after the fire in the big coal stove, readjusted the relay wires. Nos. 2 and is, and ley back in the big, cushioned armediair, with the air of one who had done by full duty.

done his full duty. done his full duty.

"Aside from the clicking of the tele-graph (which was intermittent, and made me start when it struck up suddenly after a silence longer than usual), all that could be longer than usual), all that uld be heard was the groaning an eighing of the wind and the incessant and wearisome hum-m-m-m-m-m-m of the wirvs cutside the station. The blending of the last two sounds was as deletal as the claug of a bell-buoy in a violent

Twelve o'clock came round. That "Twelve o clock time rouse."
was a little too early for lincheon, but I felt hungry, and proceeded to dispatch the contents of a small basket which I had brought from home.
"After that I became somewhat drowsy.

None of the trains, so far, had been more han twenty minutes late, and I had re-orted each of them promptly to \$2a, purious when it passed my station. "The remperature of the office must have been 80 when I turned the lamp down to a mere glittmer, and again set (led back in the big chair about 12:6 Through freight No. 252 from the north ald be due in a quarter of an hour,

"The storm appeared to be growing ereer, and I sat and listened to it. "Inow long I listened I do not know. A light pounding nearby made

What can that be? I asked my-"The pounding grew fonder. All the astronomis were still and the sound was

I stood almost breathless beside the "In less than a minute I was convinced in less than a minute t was convolued in the tit came from.
"In the back part of the office were to telect windows apening respectively to the men's and women's walting name. A heavy blue shade on each

daw prevented any one from seeing interior of the office. These shades a always drawn after the departure of the last passenger train for the day. Some one had broken into the women's room and was trying to force open

the window to the office, using, evidenta chiset and mallet.

"The doors of that room were always locked by the day man before going off duty, and I made sure early in the evening that that task had not been neglected. Moreover, as tramps were not allowed in the station, and it was easier to keep them out than to put them out. I had also belted the doors of the men' room. Ed often did that after if o'clock "The safe, containing books, tickets and pethans \$2% or \$300 in cash, was mid way between the two windows and about four feet from each

"For fully five minutes I stood pe

'Apparently the thief is uncertain whether there is any one here, I thought. If he imagined there wasn't, he would certainly smash the window, ironguard and all, in short order. Maybe he expects to find me sakep and as soon as he pries open the window will thrust in a pietol and order me to hold up ma "How was I to defend myself? If I went

to the window it would probably mean prompt surrender or death, and to hest-tate much longer did not seem likely to refleve the situation.

"If I only had a revolver." Ed owned one, but he always curried it with him. "I resolved to start up one of the in-struments in the hone that the loud and edden ticking might put the intrud

"Bending ever the table I opened the key on wire No. 16. The machine did not respond. Realizing that the dampness of the storm had interfered with the current. I tightened the spring of the relay. 'SF SF SF Qk 12 Qk 12.

The sounder was making those signals with great rapidity. The train dispatcher was calling my office, and the abbreviation meant Quick. We want you to hold

'I answered, and the query came back clear and sharp: 'No. 252?'
'Not yet,' said I.

"O. K.," I replied, confidently.

"The dispatcher's command was to hold the through freight for orders.

"The noise at the window, which ceased for a minute or two, had now recommenced in earnest. Either the latch or the casement must surely give way very soon. 'In order to stop No. 22 a red lantern would have to be hung outside the station, and no time should be lost in putting

if there.

"Perhaps the burglar has pals guarding the building, and if I open the door I shall be overpowered and the office will be in their hands. That would nover do. They must not know that anyone is here. "Thus I argued nervously to myself. "Then a happy thought struck me. I remembered that one of the lantern brockets wasn't more than two feet from brackets wasn't more than two feet from the front window, which was close be-side me and overlooked the platform. By lowering the window at the top I could

probably reach it. Taking advantage of every rush and sweep of the wind I managed to raise the shade and open the window without mak-ing a noise likely to alarm my lawless visitor. Nobody was to be seen on tha side of the piace and the signal was nickly made fast to the bracket "In a few minutes the freight will stop apposite the office and the conductor and engineer will bang on the door for their orders. I can tell them my predicament in a jiffy and the rascal won't dare to ackle these of "..."

ackle three of us. "Quite satisfied with this reasoning I shut the window softly and fixed the chade so that the lantern might not be aidden entirely from my view, lest any-one should disturb it.

"That done, I returned to the key and

ook the order from the dispatcher. The lamp was too low for me to see plainly but it seemed unwise to increase the light. As it was, things looked much bet-ter for me than they had a short time before, and if all went well there was a good prospect of the county jail having another himate.
"At any rate, I took courage.
"By the body of the order I learned that the conductor of 252 was Frank Hemiter-

sen, a strong, courageous, manly fellow, who had seen me with Ed and had sever-al times slowed up his train to let me off ear my home.

" Just wait till Henderson gets hold of you, you — —! I thought, alm sloud, grating my teeth and shaking elenched flat in the direction of the ti-

ng two or three minutes, after which things were quiet for a little while, which suggested that my man was trying to de-vise an easier means of effecting an en-

Perhaps fifteen minutes had now elaps-

What can be keeping the freight so "I looked at my watch. "Great heavens! It was ten minutes

"I nearly fell out of my chair. The fruth flashed to my mind that the pound-ing had aroused me from sound sleep and that two hours had passed in what seemd to no more than twenty minutes. "'No. 52 must have gone by over an hour ago and who knows what terrible disaster has resulted from my careless-

"Northbound freight No. 252 and south-ound freight No. 252 were scheduled in the time table to pass each ten miles be ow Hampton, but that night 252 was a little late out of Portsmouth and the dis-acteber had planned to 'cross' them at Seabrook, five miles north of their regu

Such were the instructions in the or-"My terror at realizing the destruction and loss of life that might already have-essued from my criminal stupidity dis-belled for a brief time all thought of

what was going on twelve feet behind

" 'Not in yet?' inquired the dispatcher.
" 'Not yet,' I replied, fully conscious o ny uncertainty, but fearing to acknowl-"Attracted by a strange ray of light, I looked around and saw that the ticket window had been raised, the shade pushed aside, and a dark lantern was being used

o search the office.

"The extreme western end of the office where I steed, could not possibly be seen from the waiting-room. Hence, as the third would doubtless think the place unupled. I expected momentarily to sethe iron guard smashed in. 1 1:15. For God's sake, don't ler it ge

"It was necessary to invent a response heard talking outside, and recognized fenderson's voice.
"Putting one foot on the table, I jerks
d open the window and leaped out.
"In less than twenty seconds thereallr Conductor Henderson, Engineer Cote Brakeman Kelly, each carrying a lantern

glass in the door cut away, and the

g removed.

urged the dispatcher, excitedly.

firstening removed.
"Mr. Thief was all prepared to maid his exit, but the sudden arrival of four obstitute-looking spectators made him conclude that it was better to surrender. "No. 22 was standing just above the station, and at the engineers signal his ireman pulled down to where we stood. "'Get in there,' commanded Henderson to his prisoner, pointing to the caboore We'll take care of you. And he obeyed "I climbed back through the window epeated the order to handquarters with proper signatures, received the distcher's indersement, and 252 went on it delay had been caused by snapping

chain and rechain the cars together fore the train could proceed.
'Henderson said afterward that the
flow escaped being locked up, but that did not escape being pitched off into a "Anyhow, I never saw him again, and

was the first and last time I eve Take Br. Henry's Blood Tea.

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GASSENHEIMER—On Sundry, April 14, 1898,
after a long and painful illness, HELES, daughler of Fanny Gassenheimer.

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PANIC IN WAR RISKS-

English Marine Underwriters Demand Largely Increased Rates. New York, April 21.-Advices from

ondon to Chubb & Co. murine underwriters of this city, reported a punic to-English companies. Nearly all the local underwriters reported material advances n their rates, owing to the scare occudoned by the cupture of the two Spanish steamers by the American warships and reported capture of American ves sels by Spanish men-of-war. In general the schedule showed an advance of 1-8

Regarding the reported capture of the American clipper ship Shenandoah. D. B. Dearborn, who had charge of her insurance, said that he did not believe it. He sald she was the only important American ship due in Liverpool at this time and inquiry for her safety had probably given rise to rumors of her capture. She carried no insurance against war risks and would be a total loss if captured. There was considerable excitement over the capture of the Spanish steamers Pedro and Buena Ventura. The latter's cargo was insured against the perils of war in an English company by an Ameri-cia agent operating by cable.

The captures and reported captures re-sulted in an immense increase in the number of applications for war insur-All the underwritten had their minds full.

None in Sight. (From the Chicago Post.)

"I board someone my that money is very clos-

"Why, it but true," he suplied.

"No, it isn't," he asserted. "It's just as the away as it ever was."

Then she, pose woman, knew that it was useless to make any suggestions relative to bennet or govern.